

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims shall replace all prior versions and/or listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. to 29. (Canceled)

30. (Currently amended) A method for maintaining or prolonging the appearance of a floral or foliage display which comprises the steps of:

preparing an aqueous coating composition for the plants, wherein the coating composition comprises a latex polymer, a surfactant ~~or wetting agent~~, an ethylene inhibitor and a ~~nutrient/protectant~~ protectant, wherein the ~~nutrient/protectant~~ protectant is selected from the group consisting of an antimicrobial agent[[,]] and an antifungal agent, ~~a sugar, a germicide, an ethylene inhibitor, an anti-oxidant and a plant oil~~;

preparing the floral or foliage display of cut plants by cutting plants; and

applying the aqueous coating composition to the entire surface of the cut plants in liquid or aerosol form.

31. to 37. (Canceled)